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Message from Doris Beard, 2023-2024 President

Happy Thanksgiving! May the warm glow of autumn surround you as you celebrate the holiday with family and friends. With Christmas fast approaching, may the spirit of the season warm your hearts with gratitude for all the blessings you have received this year. May your troubles be less and your blessings be more. May Christmas bring you happiness like never before. May the joy and peace that were present at the birth of Christ be present in your home this season. Merry Christmas! Wishing you the happiness of good friends, the joy of a happy family, and the wonder of the holiday season. May the New Year bring joy and time with family and good friends. May you receive blessings of love, joy, health, peace, and prosperity. Happy New Year!

Come join us and enjoy a traditional Christmas luncheon on December 14 at Embrace Church. Mr. David Lennen, our IRTA president, will be present to visit and install Vic Doty as our new ERTA vice president. The Eykamp Quartet will perform for our Christmas program. Following their performance, we will sing some Christmas carols.



Reservations for December 14:

The ERTA luncheon will be on December 14, 2023, at the Embrace Church at 6300 Washington Avenue. The cost of the luncheon, which is provided by Golden Corral, is \$15. Payment will be collected at the luncheon. We will start at 11:30 for socializing, and we will begin the luncheon at 12:00 noon followed by the program.

Please Click the link below to submit your reservation if you plan to attend and include your name(s) and number of reservations.

Click this link [ERTA Luncheon Reservation Form](#) to submit your reservation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 11. **If you submit a form for two people, please list both names on the form.**

If you have any issues trying to submit your reservation, please email Janet Leistner at j.leistner@twc.com or call 812-455-0384.

Reminder: If you need to make changes or cancel a reservation you made, please contact Janet Leistner at j.leistner@twc.com or call 812-455-0384. Monday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. is the deadline to cancel your reservation without being charged since ERTA will have to pay for any meals after that date.

MENU

- Turkey and Dressing
- Sliced Baked Ham
- Green Beans
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
- Salad/Dressings
- Rolls/Butter
- Desserts
- Beverages



We are looking forward to seeing you in December for a wonderful Holiday Celebration and beautiful music!



Memories from the ERTA October 2023 Luncheon

We enjoyed the Evansville Retired Teachers Association October luncheon this week. We had a large crowd for lunch where we honored our Veterans. It is always fun to see the smiling faces of our members.

The program speaker was Janice Hale from the African American Museum. She shared the history of the museum and the many artifacts that are displayed.

Such a great group of educators!



Photos by Walt Gleim and Janet Leistner

Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Executive Board Meeting
October 5, 2023

Call to Order: President Doris Beard called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. at Embrace Church and welcomed everyone. In addition to the president, the following were in attendance: Lynn Arteberry, Fred Bullinger, Judy Isaac, Janet Leistner, Diane Meier, David Pfettscher, and Jim Sharp.

Approval of Minutes from August 3, 2023: The minutes were approved as printed.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Janet Leistner took notes in the secretary's absence.

President-elect: Doris reported that she is still looking for someone to fill the office of president-elect.

Past President: Jan Craig is not in attendance today.

Treasurer: Lynn Arteberry distributed the financial report showing August and September income and expenditures as well as balances for the end of the month. The balances as of September 30, 2023, are the following: Checking: \$2,879.35 Scholarship: \$2,016.97 Savings: \$240.90

Lynn also reported that ERTA received a thank-you from the EVSC Foundation for a donation to Teacher Locker. An invitation to the U of E Banquet was also received.

Since the inception of philanthropic donations, the donation total now stands at \$97,796.00.

Committee Reports:

Auditing and Budget: Darla Olberding and Doris Beard audited the books and signed off that the books were balanced.

Membership: Janet Leistner reported a membership total of 247 for 2022-2023. This year ten were removed from the list of which eight were deceased. Currently, 188 have been renewed but 63 have not. A few have joined that had not joined last year. Two new retirees have submitted memberships.

Memberships will be collected at the luncheon in October. Janet explained that the reason we ask for membership renewal each year is to make sure we have the correct addresses and emails in case some have changed.

Programs/Luncheon Planning: Doris said that she likes working with Golden Corral and tries to vary the menu.

Reservations: Janet reported that reservations will be taken until Monday. Currently, there are 79.

Hensley Scholarship: All funds have been awarded.

IRTA Liaison/Indiana Legislature: Diane Meier reported that a meeting was scheduled by the Indiana Legislature to address the issue of the 13th check; however, no information has been released at this time. The issue will be dead if the committee chair doesn't bring it to the floor. There is discussion about a COLA.

Information Items:

Doris Beard and Gene VanStone attended the Area 9 meeting.

Veterans will be recognized at next week's luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Janice Hale from the African American Museum.

Old Business:

The IRTA Fall Workshop was held at the Rockport United Methodist Church on September 26, 2023. ERTA is already following IRTA recommendations. Recommendations include working on membership, making clear the ERTA dues are separate from IRTA dues, being a member of IRTA before being recognized as a CASA volunteer, and sending names of ERTA members who pass away to IRTA.

New Business:

December Luncheon: Poinsettias will decorate the tables at the luncheon and be awarded as door prizes. Each member of the ERTA Board has been asked to donate \$7 for their purchase.

Frog Follies: Jim Sharp, the chair of this committee, reported that ERTA received \$1,601.25 for the volunteer work of its members this year. The money we receive comes from the number of workers and the hours worked times \$5.25. The Visitors Bureau, now named Explore Evansville, pays ERTA; Frog Follies doesn't.

Jim says for next year he needs help in the computer end of scheduling workers, adding that he will continue to go out each day to supervise.

Jim then spoke about changes for next year. There will be ten stations on Friday but five each on Saturday and Sunday. He said that will cut out eight workers on our count, which means less money for ERTA. He did say that the chairman of the Iron Club suggested that some of our workers help the "Yellow Shirt" women with registration.

Next year, Janet will help with registration, and Jim will supervise the workers. Darla will continue to work on lunch items.

Announcement:

Roger Kalia promised us that the Eykamp Quartet will be our entertainment at our program in December. They normally charge \$2,500 but are charging us \$100. After the quartet performs, the membership will sing Holiday songs.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes by Janet Leistner

Evansville Retired Teachers Association
Luncheon Meeting
October 12, 2023

Call to Order: President Doris Beard called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and welcomed everyone. She asked those attending for the first time to stand. Then she asked those who celebrate an October or November birthday to stand.

Introduction of the Head Table: The president introduced Past President Janet Craig and today's speaker Janice Hale.

Pledge of Allegiance: Walt Lewis asked everyone to stand before he led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Military Veterans: Doris asked Veterans to come to the front. She thanked them for their sacrifices, courage, strength, and dedication for keeping us safe before reading a poem.

“We Owe Them a Lot”

On Veterans Day we remember again
Our men and women who served;
We honor them now for what they did then:
The liberties they preserved.

Let's never forget their sacrifice,
The hard, heavy work they have done;
They did what was asked, crucial needs they fulfilled,
With a telephone, pencil, or gun.

We're happy and proud to honor them;
They gave so much more than they got.
Our heroes, our veterans kept freedom safe;
All of us owe them a lot.

By Joanna Fuchs

Blessing: Steve Fritz provided the blessing before the meal.

Lunch: Those seated at the Head Table were dismissed first. Jan Craig dismissed members and their guests by tables.

Business: The Luncheon Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2023, were accepted as written.

Volunteer Hours: Doris reminded members to turn in their volunteer hours to Jane Staton by email or at the luncheon in December. Volunteer hours will be turned in at the end of the calendar year.

Announcements from IRTA: Doris attended the IRTA Area 9 meeting and said that she was pleased to hear that ERTA follows all the guidelines.

Doris asked those in attendance to move to the sanctuary by 1:00 p.m. for the program.

Program: Doris introduced Janice Hale, Coordinator of Guest Services of the African American Museum. Janice shared the museum's history and then spoke about the activities offered and volunteer opportunities available. She also spoke about artifacts that are on display. In her presentation, Janice announced that the Porter House, located across from the museum, has been purchased for \$1.00 and will be renovated to become an extension of the museum.

A question-and-answer period followed. During that time, Janice said donations to the museum can be made on-line. She also said that the museum welcomes school and adult field trips. The museum's hours are Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday's hours are 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Door Prizes: Doris asked our guest to draw for the door prizes. Three gift certificates were awarded.

Dismissal: Doris wished everyone a nice fall and invited everyone to come to the luncheon in December.

Next Board Meeting: December 7, 2023

Next Luncheon Meeting: December 14, 2023

Minutes by Janet Leistner

ERTA 2023-2024

December Board Meeting.....	December 7
December Luncheon	December 14
March Newsletter to Diana Luck.....	February 12
March Board Meeting.....	March 7
March Luncheon	March 14
May Newsletter to Diana Luck.....	April 18
May Board Meeting	May 2
May Luncheon.....	May 9
IRTA Representative Workshops	June (TBA)

In Memoriam

“Always in Our Hearts”

Dr. Gerald “Jerry” Jessee.....	November 1, 2023
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc044507	
Katherine Elaine MacGregor	October 30, 2023
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc044414	
Gary L. Stone	October 24, 2023
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George Jeffrey “Jeff” Brandt.....	October 16, 2023
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Carol Ann Hill.....	October 4, 2023
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Jane Calvert	September 30, 2023
https://www.courierpress.com/obituaries/evc044237	
Ira Tinsley Neal	September 20, 2023
https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/ira-neal-obituary?id=53169338	

ERTA Membership Update



The Evansville Retired Teachers Association continues to be a strong chapter in Indiana. Our current membership total is 211 paid members. If you have retired teacher friends who would like to join or renew their membership, please have them contact Janet Leistner, Membership Chairman, at 812-455-0384 or j.leistner@twc.com. We have several new members this year, and we always welcome anyone who would like to return or join the first time. Our membership dues support our local chapter to help pay for the room rental for our luncheons, the gift certificates that we give to speakers and members for door prizes, decorations, and other supplies as needed.

We have a great group of educators. Our chapter is 60 years old, and we hope to continue for many years to come.

We hope that all of you join us for our luncheons as you are available.

ERTA Finance Report	
as of November 19, 2023	
ASSETS	Actual
Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 3,328.60
Savings Acct. Balance	\$ 240.90
Scholarship Acct. Balance	\$ 2,201.95
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,771.45
Reported by Lynn Arteberry, Treasurer	



KEEPING IN TOUCH	
ERTA Website	www.erta.info
EVSC Website	http://evscicats.com/evscnewsletter/category/latest-news/evsc-news/
IRTA	1-888-454-9333
IRTA E-mail	irta@retiredteachers.org
ISTRF (Retirement Benefits)	1-888-286-3544
Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield	1-800-368-9354
Group Insurance Policies	1-800-258-7041
IRTA Website	www.retiredteachers.org
ISTRF Website	www.in.gov/trf

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Month	Activity	Date
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
TOTAL HOURS		

ERTA Volunteer Hours

Please turn in your hours at the December meeting or email them to Jane Staton (mymomjane@aol.com). Volunteer hours give us clout with the legislature.



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